

REMARKS

Claims 27-28, 30-33, 37-40, 43-44 and 54-55 have been canceled, and claims 56-57 have been added. These claims (or dependencies) are canceled without prejudice, or disclaimer of, the subject matter therein. The cancellations and other amendments were made for the purpose of reducing claim number and removing multiple dependencies. Claims 7 and 9 were amended to correct a typographical error in the original PCT application; the original claim dependency from claim 1 was an obvious oversight, since by their language, claims 7 and 9 could not have been dependent from claim 1.

In view of the above, each of the presently pending claims in this application is believed to be in condition for examination and allowance. Accordingly, the Examiner is respectfully requested to enter this amendment and pass this application to issue.

If these papers are not considered timely filed by the Patent and Trademark Office, then a petition is hereby made under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136, and any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136 for any necessary extension of time, or any other fees required to complete the filing of this response, may be charged to Deposit Account No. 50-0911. Please credit any overpayment to deposit Account No. 50-0911.

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